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DHS' Science and Technology Formula under Review

Undersecretary Cohen to Testify on Realignment of the Science and Technology Directorate

WHO: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and
Technology
Chairman Dave Reichert (R-WA)

WHEN: 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 7, 2006

WHERE: 334 Cannon House Office Building

WITNESSES

The Honorable Jay M. Cohen
Undersecretary for Science and Technology
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

BACKGROUND

The Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology will hold a hearing to examine the structure of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) science and technology arm, the Science and Technology Directorate, and various proposals for improving its effectiveness. Unlike much of DHS, the Science and Technology Directorate is not a legacy agency; it was built from scratch and has experienced considerable growing pains since its inception in 2003. The hearing will provide a forum for newly-confirmed Under Secretary Cohen to present his vision for restructuring DHS' science and technology arm to ensure that it delivers cutting-edge technologies to federal, state, and local homeland security personnel.

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